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1. (original) A foodstuff comprising a source of a rice starch, a nonfermentable fiber and a bulk forming fermentable fiber.

- 2. (currently amended) A-<u>The</u> foodstuff as claimed in claim 1 wherein the foodstuff which is a wet or semi-wet foodstuff.
- (currently amended) A-<u>The</u> foodstuff as claimed in claim 1-or elaim 2-wherein the source of rice starch is rice, ground rice or rice flour.
- 4. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1-to 3 wherein the non-fermentable fiber is cellulose.
- (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1-to-4 wherein the bulk forming fermentable fiber is sugar beet pulp.
- 6. (currently amended) A <u>The</u> foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1-to-5 wherein the foodstuff for use in improving improves the gastrointestinal health of a dog.
- 7. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in claim 6 wherein the dog has non-specific dietary sensitivity.
- 8. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in claim 6
 wherein the foodstuff improves for use in improving intestinal function in a dog.
- 9. (currently amended) A-<u>The</u> foodstuff as claimed in claim 6
 wherein the foodstuff improves for use in improving gut motility
 in a dog.
- 10. (canceled)

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- 11. (currently amended) A method of improving the gastrointestinal health of a dog comprising administering a foodstuff as claimed in claim +1.
- 12. (currently amended) A method for preventing diarrhea in a dog comprising administering a foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1-to-5.
- 13. (canceled)
- 14. (currently amended) A process for the manufacture of a foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9 comprising admixing a source of rice starch, a non-fermentable fiber and a bulk forming fermentable fiber.
- 15. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in claims 1-to-9 comprising of rice starch at a level of approximately 5% to approximately 0.1% w/w.
- 16. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in claims 1-to 9 comprising sugar beet pulp at a level of approximately 5% to approximately 0.1% w/w.
- 17. (currently amended) A-The foodstuff as claimed in any one of claims 1-to-9 comprising cellulose at a level of approximately 5% to approximately 0.1% w/w.

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